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In re Application of :
John Overman, et al. :
Application No. 09/694,653 :
Filed: October 23, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 5384/55100 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 21, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed December 11, 2000. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 12, 2001.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. At 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109 (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office)).

The Change of Correspondence Address filed May 17, 2002 has been accepted and recorded.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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